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February 5, 2018

TO: Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron

SUBJECT: Analysis of Officer Use of Force for 2017

The following is an analysis for the use of force by deputy sheriffs of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office during the periods of January 1 through December 31, 2017. Data for the analysis was derived from the collection of the Use of Force reports completed by law enforcement officers and reviewed by the officer's chain of command. Once the reports are reviewed and approved, they are forwarded to the Office of Professional Responsibilities and entered into the Early Warning System.

Sheriff's Office policy states, in part, all instances of the use of firearms, with the exception of dispatching an animal, FN-303, TASER discharges, chemical agents, pressure point control tactics, impact weapons, physical force other than routine handcuffing, a Use of Force Report a Blue Team Use of Force entry will be completed. This includes directing any firearm or TASER at a person. In addition supervisors are now required to complete a supervisory review of all instances of use of force when able to do so.

In 2017, the Sheriff's Office handled 69,709 calls for service as compared to 66,780 for the year 2016. There were 144 instances of use of force. This equates to force being utilized once in every 484 calls for service.

Refer to the attached IA Pro Use of Force report for the statistical data.

Analysis

In calendar year 2017, the Agency reported 144 Use of Force incidents, in comparison to 2016, wherein 158 incidents reported. There was a 9% decrease in the overall Use of Force incidents. This is not a significant decrease, but a decrease nonetheless. This would indicate deputies are utilizing their training in de-escalation techniques as the overall call for service increased by 4%.

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Refer to the attached IAPro report of Use of Force for a breakdown on the types of force utilized by sworn personnel.

Recommendation

From the review of the use of force reports from 2017, and in comparison to previous year's statistical data, all use of force incidents were within the scope of agency policy and procedure. There were no identifiable trends that would indicate excessive or brutal force being utilized by agency personnel. In 2017 there were two complaints of excessive force. Both complaints were identified by reviewing supervisory personnel. One investigation concluded the officer's use of force was justified. The second investigation revealed the use of force was not excessive however; the officer received remedial training in regards to job performance. The Use of Force review proved to be effective as the review revealed two Use of Force incidents in need of investigation.

Hopefully the decline in the use of force will continue as a trend in the years to come.

It is apparent based upon the data the sworn personnel within the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office are adhering to their training and are adhering to the policies of the office. It is evident supervision is holding their personnel to task thus reducing agency liability. The efforts of all the Sheriff's Office personnel should be commended.


Michael H. Gardiner
Lieutenant
Office of Professional Responsibilities

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Agree

☒ Yes () No, see indorsement. Major: [Signature] Date 2-16-18

☒ Yes () No, see indorsement. Sheriff: [Signature] Date 2/20/18

Use-of-force Incidents By Division: Jan 01, 2017 -

Dec 31, 2017

CID

Total number of use-of-force incidents: 1

Total number of officers involved: 1

Type of force tally:

Type of force	Effective		Not effective		Total #
	#	%	#	%	
Punch	1	100%	0	0%	1
Take Down	1	100%	0	0%	1

Narcotics

Total number of use-of-force incidents: 7

Total number of officers involved: 9

Type of force tally:

Type of force	Effective		Not effective		Total #
	#	%	#	%	
Arm Bar	1	100%	0	0%	1
Arm bar take down	1	100%	0	0%	1
Arm Control	1	100%	0	0%	1
Escort hold	1	100%	0	0%	1
Handgun Pointed Only	0	0%	4	100%	4
Knee Strike	1	100%	0	0%	1
Pressure Point	1	100%	0	0%	1
Secured wrist	1	100%	0	0%	1
Take Down	1	100%	0	0%	1
Wrist Lock	0	0%	1	100%	1

Patrol

Total number of use-of-force incidents: 122

Total number of officers involved: 145

Type of force tally:

Type of force	Effective		Not effective		Total #
	#	%	#	%	
Arm Bar	5	63%	3	38%	8
Arm bar take down	23	100%	0	0%	23
Arm Control	11	85%	2	15%	13
Asp/Baton	1	100%	0	0%	1
Carry	1	100%	0	0%	1
Escort hold	2	100%	0	0%	2
Forearm strike	0	0%	1	100%	1
Hand push	2	100%	0	0%	2
Hand restrain	3	100%	0	0%	3
Hand Strike	1	50%	1	50%	2

Handgun Pointed Only	17	89%	2	11%	19
Head Control	1	100%	0	0%	1
Knee Strike	1	50%	1	50%	2
Leg Sweep	4	67%	2	33%	6
Other	6	100%	0	0%	6
Pressure Point	8	67%	4	33%	12
Punch	3	100%	0	0%	3
Restraint/Shoulders	2	100%	0	0%	2
Rifle Pointed Only	2	100%	0	0%	2
Secured Legs	3	100%	0	0%	3
Secured wrist	1	100%	0	0%	1
Take Down	22	100%	0	0%	22
Taser	18	67%	9	33%	27
Vascular Neck Restraint	1	100%	0	0%	1
vehicle extraction	2	100%	0	0%	2
Wrist Lock	14	93%	1	7%	15

SOD

Total number of use-of-force incidents: 14

Total number of officers involved: 14

Type of force tally:

Type of force	Effective		Not effective		Total #
	#	%	#	%	
Arm Bar	4	100%	0	0%	4
Common Peroneal strike	1	100%	0	0%	1
Hand push	1	100%	0	0%	1
Handgun Pointed Only	1	100%	0	0%	1
Leg Sweep	1	100%	0	0%	1
Pressure Point	1	100%	0	0%	1
Shoulder Pin	1	100%	0	0%	1
Take Down	5	100%	0	0%	5
Taser	2	67%	1	33%	3

Incident-level organizational assignment break-out

Report date range criteria: Incidents received Between Jan 1, 2017 and Dec 31, 2017

Report name: Use-of-force by Organizational Component [5.0]

Report run on: Jan 30, 2018 at 07:37 by LT Michael Gardiner

Profile of Use of force Incidents Received Between Jan 1, 2017 and Dec 31, 2017

Division: 'CID'

Total number of Use of force incidents: 1

Total number of officers involved: 1

Type of force tally:

Type of force	Effective		Not effective		Total #
	#	%	#	%	
Punch	1	100%	0	0%	1
Take Down	1	100%	0	0%	1

Citizen resistance tally:

Reason	Count	Percent of total
Active	1	100%
Total	1	

Citizen condition tally:

Condition or injury	Count	Percent of total
Visible Injury	1	100%
Total	1	

Citizen arrested in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
No	1	100%
Total	1	

Tally of charges against involved citizens::

Charge	Count	Percent of total
Total	0	

Citizen was injured in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
Yes	1	100%
Total	1	

Citizen taken to hospital in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
Yes	1	100%
Total	1	

Officer injuries tally:

Condition	Count	Percent of total
: Employee Not injured	1	100%
Total	1	

Officer injured in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
: No	1	100%
Total	1	

Officer taken to hospital in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
: No	1	100%
Total	1	

Reason for use-of-force:

Reason	Count	Percent of total
: Emergency Petition	1	100%
Total	1	

Type of service being rendered at time of use-of-force:

Service type	Count	Percent of total
: Emergency Petition	1	100%
Total	1	

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Report date range criteria: Use of force incidents received Between Jan 1, 2017 and Dec 31, 2017

Profile of Use of force Incidents Received Between Jan 1, 2017 and Dec 31, 2017

Division: 'Narcotics'

Total number of Use of force incidents: 7

Total number of officers involved: 9

Type of force tally:

Effective	Not effective
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Type of force	#	%	#	%	Total #
Arm Bar	1	100%	0	0%	1
Arm bar take down	1	100%	0	0%	1
Arm Control	1	100%	0	0%	1
Escort hold	1	100%	0	0%	1
Handgun Pointed Only	0	0%	4	100%	4
Knee Strike	1	100%	0	0%	1
Pressure Point	1	100%	0	0%	1
Secured wrist	1	100%	0	0%	1
Take Down	1	100%	0	0%	1
Wrist Lock	0	0%	1	100%	1

Citizen resistance tally:

Reason	Count	Percent of total
Active	4	50%
No Resistance	1	13%
Passive	3	38%
Total	8	

Citizen condition tally:

Condition or injury	Count	Percent of total
No injuries noted or visible	7	88%
Visible Injury	1	13%
Total	8	

Citizen arrested in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
No	3	43%
Yes	4	57%
Total	7	

Tally of charges against involved citizens::

Charge	Count	Percent of total
Assault Police	3	33%
Drugs	4	44%
Other	1	11%
Warrants	1	11%
Total	9	

Citizen was injured in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
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No	6	86%
Yes	1	14%
Total	7	

Citizen taken to hospital in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
No	7	100%
Total	7	

Officer injuries tally:

Condition	Count	Percent of total
Employee Injured	1	13%
Medical Treatment/Hospital	1	13%
No injuries noted or visible	6	75%
Total	8	

Officer injured in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
No	5	71%
Yes	2	29%
Total	7	

Officer taken to hospital in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
No	5	71%
Yes	2	29%
Total	7	

Reason for use-of-force:

Reason	Count	Percent of total
Effect an arrest	4	57%
Protect Other Employee	2	29%
Protect Self	1	14%
Total	7	

Type of service being rendered at time of use-of-force:

Service type	Count	Percent of total
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CDS Investigation	1	14%
Search Warrant	1	14%
Self Initiated	3	43%
Wanted Suspect	2	29%
Total	7	

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Profile of Use of force Incidents Received Between Jan 1, 2017 and Dec 31, 2017

Division: 'Patrol'

Total number of Use of force incidents: 122

Total number of officers involved: 145

Type of force tally:

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	#	%	#	%	
Arm Bar	5	63%	3	38%	8
Arm bar take down	23	100%	0	0%	23
Arm Control	11	85%	2	15%	13
Asp/Baton	1	100%	0	0%	1
Carry	1	100%	0	0%	1
Escort hold	2	100%	0	0%	2
Forearm strike	0	0%	1	100%	1
Hand push	2	100%	0	0%	2
Hand restrain	3	100%	0	0%	3
Hand Strike	1	50%	1	50%	2
Handgun Pointed Only	17	89%	2	11%	19
Head Control	1	100%	0	0%	1
Knee Strike	1	50%	1	50%	2
Leg Sweep	4	67%	2	33%	6
Other	6	100%	0	0%	6
Pressure Point	8	67%	4	33%	12
Punch	3	100%	0	0%	3
Restraint/Shoulders	2	100%	0	0%	2
Rifle Pointed Only	2	100%	0	0%	2
Secured Legs	3	100%	0	0%	3
Secured wrist	1	100%	0	0%	1
Take Down	22	100%	0	0%	22
Taser	18	67%	9	33%	27
Vascular Neck Restraint	1	100%	0	0%	1
vehicle extraction	2	100%	0	0%	2
Wrist Lock	14	93%	1	7%	15

Citizen resistance tally:

Reason	Count	Percent of total
Active	70	57%

Active Armed	3	2%
No Resistance	12	10%
Passive	34	28%
Passive armed	4	3%
Total	123	

Citizen condition tally:

Condition or injury	Count	Percent of total
Complaint of Injury	5	4%
Hospitalized	3	3%
Injury Not Caused by UoF	2	2%
No Injuries	7	6%
No injuries noted or visible	70	62%
Refused Treatment	2	2%
Unknown	2	2%
UOF-Citizen Injury	4	4%
Visible Injury	18	16%
Total	113	

Citizen arrested in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
No	55	45%
Yes	67	55%
Total	122	

Tally of charges against involved citizens::

Charge	Count	Percent of total
Alcohol/DWI	9	7%
Assault	23	17%
Assault Police	13	10%
Burglary	1	1%
Disorderly	9	7%
Domestic Related	5	4%
Drugs	10	7%
Fleeing and Eluding	7	5%

Other	25	19%
Resisting	23	17%
Warrants	10	7%
Total	135	

Citizen was injured in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
No	95	78%
Yes	27	22%
Total	122	

Citizen taken to hospital in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
No	71	58%
Yes	51	42%
Total	122	

Officer injuries tally:

Condition	Count	Percent of total
Employee Injured	12	11%
Employee Not injured	1	1%
No injuries noted or visible	97	87%
Visible Injury-EMS Treated	1	1%
Visible Injury-No Treatment	1	1%
Total	112	

Officer injured in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
No	107	88%
Yes	15	12%
Total	122	

Officer taken to hospital in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
No	121	99%

Yes	1	1%
Total	122	

Reason for use-of-force:

Reason	Count	Percent of total
Disorderly	5	4%
Effect an arrest	52	43%
Emergency Petition	39	32%
Protect Citizen	7	6%
Protect Other Employee	3	2%
Protect Self	16	13%
Total	122	

Type of service being rendered at time of use-of-force:

Service type	Count	Percent of total
Armed Suspect	1	1%
Assault	10	8%
Assault Police	4	3%
Assist other Agency	1	1%
Burglary	4	3%
Burglary suspect	4	3%
CDS Investigation	5	4%
Child Abuse	1	1%
Disorderly	2	2%
Dispatched CAD Call	20	16%
Disturbance	3	2%
Domestic Assault	9	7%
DUI	5	4%
Emergency Petition	21	17%
Felony Traffic Stop	3	2%
Man with Gun	2	2%
Mental subject	2	2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	1%
Not Used	1	1%
Property Destruction	2	2%

Self Initiated	2	2%
Suicidal Subject	2	2%
Suspicious Person	1	1%
Theft	1	1%
Traffic Stop	1	1%
Wanted Suspect	13	11%
Weapons Violation	1	1%
Total	122	

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Report date range criteria: Use of force incidents received Between Jan 1, 2017 and Dec 31, 2017

Profile of Use of force Incidents Received Between Jan 1, 2017 and Dec 31, 2017

Division: 'SOD'

Total number of Use of force incidents: 14

Total number of officers involved: 14

Type of force tally:

Type of force	Effective		Not effective		Total #
	#	%	#	%	
Arm Bar	4	100%	0	0%	4
Common Peroneal strike	1	100%	0	0%	1
Hand push	1	100%	0	0%	1
Handgun Pointed Only	1	100%	0	0%	1
Leg Sweep	1	100%	0	0%	1
Pressure Point	1	100%	0	0%	1
Shoulder Pin	1	100%	0	0%	1
Take Down	5	100%	0	0%	5
Taser	2	67%	1	33%	3

Citizen resistance tally:

Reason	Count	Percent of total
Active	10	71%
Active Armed	2	14%
Passive	1	7%
Passive armed	1	7%
Total	14	

Citizen condition tally:

Condition or injury	Count	Percent of total
Injury Not Caused by UoF	1	7%
No injuries noted or visible	8	57%
Visible Injury	5	36%
Total	14	

Citizen arrested in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
No	2	14%
Yes	12	86%
Total	14	

Tally of charges against involved citizens::

Charge	Count	Percent of total
Alcohol/DWI	1	5%
Assault	4	20%
Assault Police	2	10%
Disorderly	4	20%
Drugs	1	5%
Other	3	15%
Resisting	4	20%
Warrants	1	5%
Total	20	

Citizen was injured in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
No	7	50%
Yes	7	50%
Total	14	

Citizen taken to hospital in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
No	8	57%

Yes	6	43%
Total	14	

Officer injuries tally:

Condition	Count	Percent of total
No injuries noted or visible	10	100%
Total	10	

Officer injured in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
No	14	100%
Total	14	

Officer taken to hospital in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
No	14	100%
Total	14	

Reason for use-of-force:

Reason	Count	Percent of total
Barricade	1	7%
Disorderly	1	7%
Effect an arrest	8	57%
Emergency Petition	1	7%
Protect Citizen	3	21%
Total	14	

Type of service being rendered at time of use-of-force:

Service type	Count	Percent of total
Assault	2	14%
Assault Police	1	7%
CDS Investigation	1	7%
Disorderly	1	7%
Dispatched CAD Call	4	29%
DUI	1	7%

Overdose	1	7%
Self Initiated	2	14%
Traffic Stop	1	7%
Total	14	

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Report date range criteria: Use of force incidents received Between Jan 1, 2017 and Dec 31, 2017

3 Organizational Component Combinations were processed

Report name: Use of Force stats - Alaska DPS (5.6)

Report run on: Feb 05, 2018 at 08:22 by LT Michael Gardiner